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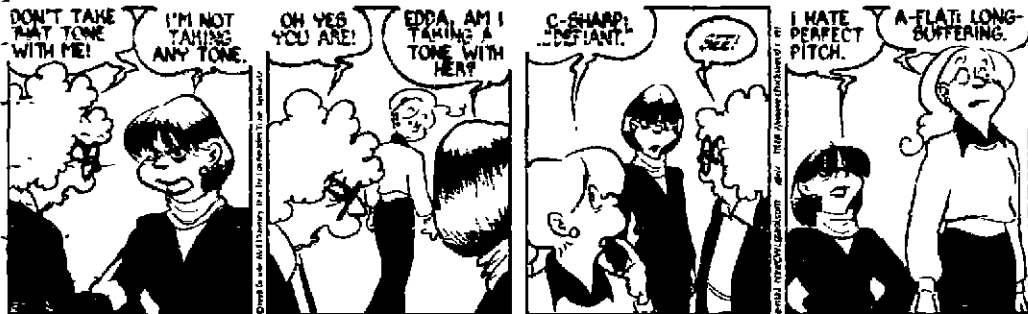
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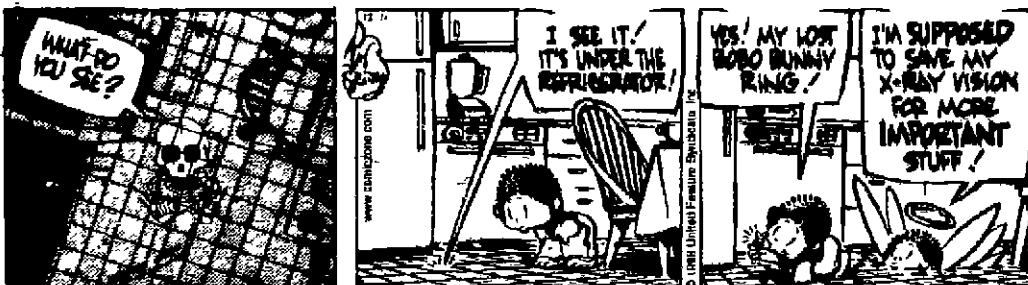
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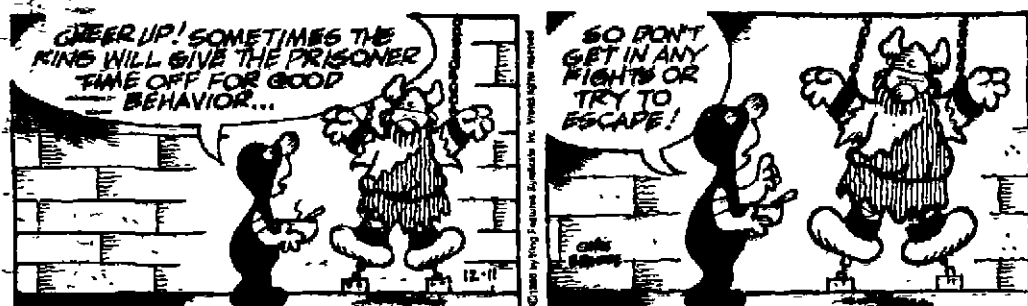
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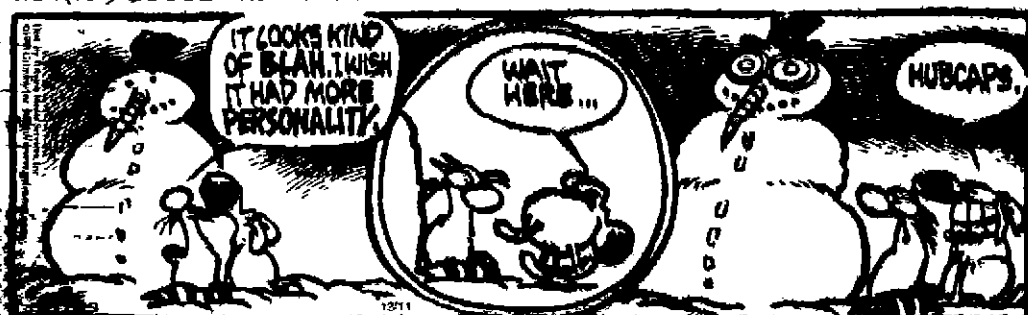
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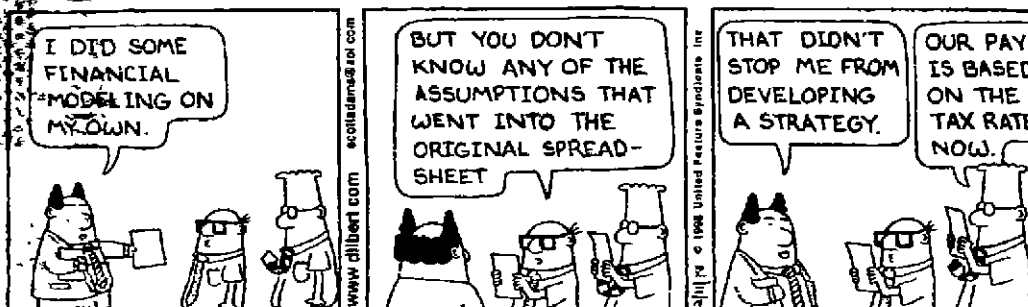
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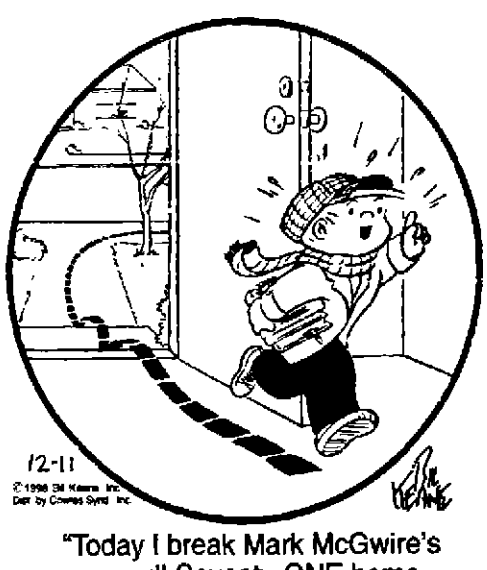
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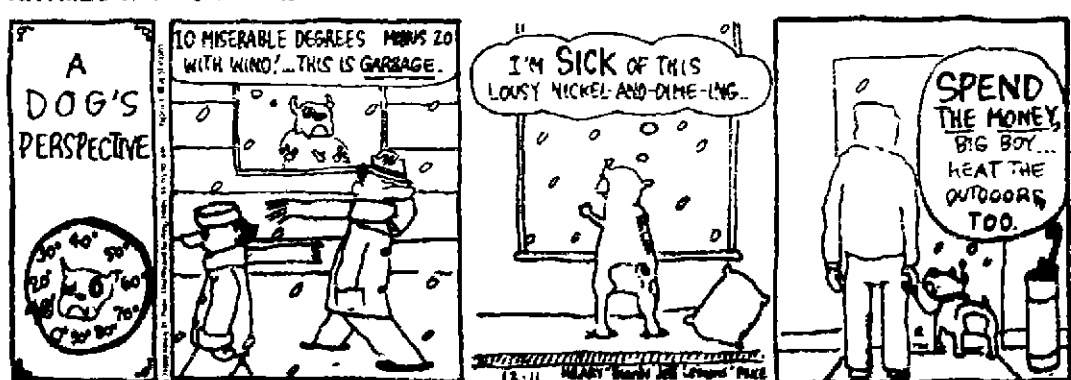
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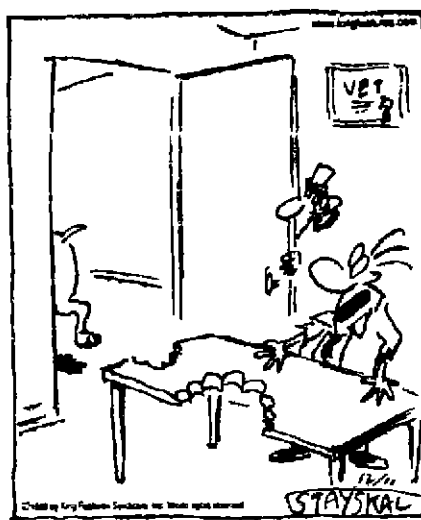
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is 80. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 88. Actress Rita Moreno is 87. Actor Ron Carey is 83. California state senator Tom Hayden is 59. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 58. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 57. Brenda Lee is 54. Actress Lynda Day George is 52. Country producer Tony Brown is 52. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 44.

I NEED HELP



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V	H	H	Y	L	R	E
D	A	A	A	R	R	M
R	D	D	N	U	E	H
M	P	L	L	B	U	U

PAR SCORE 66-78
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 12-11-98 © 1998, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Window —

Z N J F B X U Q M J F B Y U R
O K H Y D T E D A X U Q E N K
C U R T A I N R H E B D Y V S
P M J H E L A E E M A R F B Y
V T Q O L I P S M H S E G D B
Y W T R P O O S S T S N M K I
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Thursday's unlisted clue: DITKA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: ENCLOSURE A LETTER

Box	Dressing	Pane	Sill
Cleaner	Fan	Shade	Treatment
Curtain	Frame	Shop	Vipster
Display	Glass		

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12-11

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Let go of past failures; everyone makes mistakes.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Know that you will be happiest if you hold on to your integrity and your dignity.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are gracious, helpful and considerate.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Interpersonal relationships have the potential to be blissful or excruciating.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If someone rushes past you in a blur, do not chase after. You need to refuse.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Envy is not at all becoming. Remember that before you indulge in any fits of jealousy.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can negotiate any deal and fix up any argument at this time.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take an extremely neutral and noncommittal stance on all issues.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are able to draw crowds of people to you right now — but do you really need crowds of people in your life?
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Try not to worry too much about what other people say about you. You may be jumping to conclusions and making assumptions that are incorrect.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) People are ready to support you because they believe in your ideas.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Schedules and itineraries can be put aside for now. You are not able to adhere to a strict plan since too many side issues have cropped up.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took dummy's heart ace and ran dummy's diamond 10, losing to West's jack. East's play of the heart eight at trick one was encouraging, so West led another heart to South's king. South crossed to dummy's club ace and confidently led a second diamond from dummy, but East's discard brought bad news. South could no longer make his game and went down two tricks. South was right about his being the favorite to win at least four diamond tricks. East would hold either one diamond honor or both honors most of the time. South had no reason to place all his bets on the diamond suit. South's best shot for nine winners is to win his heart king at trick one and cash his diamond ace, his club queen and dummy's high clubs, in that order. When the club suit splits 3-3, he guarantees his game by knocking out the spade ace (two spades, two hearts, four clubs and the diamond ace). Had clubs not split, South could have then tried the diamond suit, leading toward his diamond queen for the best overall chance. Sometimes a suit that guarantees two winners is better than a porous one that might produce five.

NORTH	13-14
♠ 10 7	
♥ A 4	
♦ 10 9 7 6 5	
♣ A K 6	

WEST	EAST
♠ 9 3	♠ A 6 5 4 2
♥ Q J 9 7 5	♥ 10 8 3 2
♦ K J 2	♦ 5
♣ 10 8 3	♣ J 9 5

SOUTH	
♠ K J 8	
♥ A 8	
♦ A Q 8 4	
♣ Q 7 4 2	

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: North

The bidding.

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

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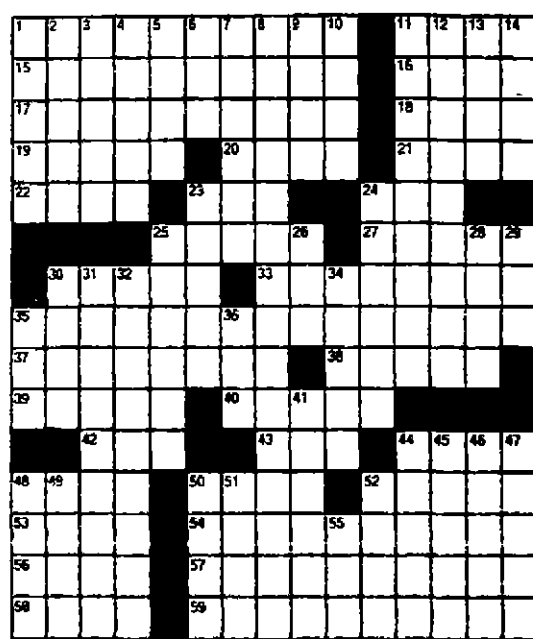
- 1 Re-establish good relations
 11 Sight on a slope
 15 They were first given in 1956
 16 First name at Woodstock
 17 1982, for Ripken
 18 Lapland peninsula
 19 It has a duel purpose
 20 Hawk and Patriot, for short
 21 McGregor of movies
 22 They begin in juin
 23 Like Falstaff
 24 Aerostar e.g.
 25 Entree
 27 When Earth Day is
 30 "Dynasty" actor Michael
 33 Turpitude
 35 News providers?
 37 See 49-Down
 38 They're counted in 56-Across
 39 Hardly a guffaw
 40 Freshens the flora
 42 Bencher's implement
 43 John L. Lewis org.
 44 Kerplunk
 45 Cold and rainy
 50 Robt. —
 52 Palazzo
 53 Start of many words?
 54 Dillon, for one
 56 Normandy city
 57 Popular shooter
 58 "As I Lay Dying" father
 59 Cleaners' equipment

DOWN

- 1 "Tru" Tony winner
 2 W.W. II vessel
 3 Zeus turned her to stone
 4 Hockey feints
 5 Kind of shake
 6 Romano source
 7 Deny
 8 Writer's prerogative
 9 Cheese burg?
 10 Old polit. entities
 11 Wreck
 12 Uncle Ben's product
 13 — breve
 14 Imitation morocco
 23 — it from me

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

COAT SPAT ECLAT
 ABBA KOCH TIARA
 PICKET THE RETHER
 ESSEX TIA ARAP
 SICK STUO
 THOUGHT MAKEST
 HARP ANN ELIHU
 ERA KRAMERS NOT
 ASTON ETA SANA
 HEREINSTHYTHIGH
 DECI NERO
 FREE ELS IRONS
 REWITETHEOTHEO
 IDOLS NOMO LIED
 TOKYO TWOS YODA



Puzzle by Jim Page

- 47 Paris's Bois de Boulogne and others
 48 Paycheck abbr.
 49 With 37-Across steady
 50 Auspices
 51 "The Guardsman" star
 52 — Valley, Calif.
 53 Flight

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